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LOCAL MATTERS.

THE BOUNDARY LINE QUESTION.
RECEPTION OF THE MARYLAND COMMISSIONERS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
Conference Relating to the Proposed Arbitration—The Line Claimed by Maryland.
The two houses of the General Assembly met in joint session in the hall of the House of Delegates yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock to receive the Maryland commissioners. The same rules observed when the two houses met to elect a United States Senator were observed. Lieutenant-Governor Robert E. Withers, President of the Senate, occupied the chair, and on his left sat Hon. Marshall Hanger, Speaker of the House. John Bell Bigger, clerk of the House, acted as clerk of the joint session.
The Maryland commissioners, Messrs. Isaac D. Jones, James W. Dennis and John W. Davis, were escorted to the House by members of the Special Joint Committee appointed to confer with them. Standing in front of the chairman the visitors were introduced by Hon. L. C. H. Finney, senator from the Accomac district, chairman of the committee, and were then escorted to seats of honor to the right of the clerk's desk. Lieutenant-Governor Withers welcomed the commissioners in a short speech. Hon. Isaac D. Jones, speaking in behalf of the Maryland commissioners, responded, saying that he had scarcely words at his command to express the grateful emotions they felt at the distinguished and cordial reception which they had been met by the General Assembly, the State officials, and the people of Maryland. He alluded to the cordial relations that had long existed between the States of Maryland and Virginia, and hoped that the questions at issue concerning the boundary line would be so satisfactorily settled as to draw closer the ties of friendship that bound together the two States. He briefly reviewed the history of the boundary-line troubles and the legislation of both States upon the subject, and in conclusion stated the position of the Maryland General Assembly and presented the resolutions recently passed by them embodying their views. The resolutions [which were published in full in this paper several days ago] were then read by the clerk. On motion of Mr. Dooley, they were ordered to be printed, and the joint session then adjourned sine die and the Senate returned to its chamber.
During the day, and with the exception of a dinner and supper, the galleries of the hall were densely crowded and every privileged seat on the floor was occupied by prominent citizens and State officials.
Subsequently the Maryland commissioners paid a visit to the Senate chamber and were assigned seats of honor, and remained witnessing the proceedings for about half an hour.
Yesterday evening, at the Exchange Hotel, the Maryland commissioners met the Committee on Federal Relations of the Senate and the House Committee on Courts of Justice, to whom have been referred the boundary line question. Mr. Cogbill, of the House, occupied the chair. The Maryland commissioners briefly presented the position of their State, and then the committee, after a fair and true line would be from "South Point to a right line across Chesapeake bay to the centre of Cedar straits, upon Tangier sound, near the south end of Watkins point; thence by a right line in a southeast direction to the channel of Pocomoke bay or river nearest to Cedar straits, thence by and with the channel of said Pocomoke bay and river to a point therein opposite to the place on the said shore of said river ascertained by De la Camp in 1867, to a beginning on said shore of the divisional line said to have been run and marked by Calvert and Scarborough in 1664, thence by and with said divisional line as surveyed and marked on the map by said De la Camp for the joint commission of Virginia and Maryland in 1868 to the Atlantic ocean; the right of fishing and taking oysters in Pocomoke sound, or bay, or river, and Tangier sound, and from southeast of Tangier sound and Watts island to the north end of Deal's island, and thence to the Chesapeake bay, to common to the Chesapeake bay, and from thence to the common regulations by the two States." Maryland claims to the south bank, of the Potomac river.
In support of their claim the Maryland commissioners laid before the committee yesterday evening several maps, which they brought with them, including Griffith's map of 1794; also a map without date dedicated to the American Antiquarian Society; also to the American Antiquarian Society; also a map showing the location of Cynquack; also a copy of the original Smith's History of Virginia, of date 1627, being the only map extant when the charter of Maryland was granted to Lord Baltimore, on which Cynquack and Watkins Point are definitely located. The Maryland commissioners maintain must have been the map used in defining the boundaries of the land granted to the colonies settled by Lord Baltimore. The commissioners also presented "a description of the West India Islands and colonies of North America by Richard Hakluyt, 1582, from which they claim to sustain the claim of Maryland to the Potomac river) the following from a chapter describing the colony of Maryland: "It lieth for its bounds on the south Virginia, from which it is parted by the river Patowmack, whose southerly bank divides the province of Virginia."
The commissioners also presented, as bearing upon the matter, the Agreement signed by the Honorable Lord Proprietors of Maryland and the Honorable the Proprietors of Pennsylvania touching the boundaries of the two provinces with the commission constituted of certain persons to execute the same."—Philadelphia: printed by B. Franklin at the new printing office near to the market, MDCCXIII.
The Maryland commissioners having briefly presented the main points of their case, in an informal way, the conference between them and the legislative committees ended.
The proposition to submit the questions at issue to arbitration meets with considerable favor, and it was suggested that the committee yesterday evening that it would be well to allow Maryland to name one arbitrator, Virginia another, and the two to choose a third. Maryland has named Hon. Jere. Black, of Pennsylvania. The names of Hon. Horatio Seymour, of New York, and Judge Campbell, of Alabama, formerly of the United States Supreme Court, and later Confederate Secretary of War, are mentioned on our part—either of whom, it is thought, would make a suitable arbitrator. However, on these points no definite action has been taken, and the committees will not meet again until to-morrow.
The Maryland commissioners will leave the city this afternoon at 3 o'clock. They speak in the highest terms of the hospitality and respect shown them by our people. Before the Maryland Legislature passed the resolutions proposing an arbitration, and in view of the fact that the commissioners of the two States could arrive at no conclusion among themselves, on House of Delegates passed a resolution instructing the Attorney-General to institute suit in the United States courts against Maryland. This resolution was sent to the Senate, and Mr. Wynne offered an amendment looking to arbitration, and it was then referred to the Committee on Federal Relations, where it now is.

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AN EXCITING RUNAWAY.—About 6:30 A.M. yesterday a horse attached to a wagon belonging to Mr. John Lindsay while standing in front of St. James's Hotel became frightened and ran furiously down Twelfth street to Main, and then down to the corner of Thirteenth and Main, where he was diverted from his course by several persons getting in front of him. In attempting to pass them the horse ran upon the pavement in front of the Bank of Commerce, when the wagon became detached and the horse ran against an iron rail and was thrown down into the restaurant under the banking-house. Officer Antellotti, of the Police Court, led him up the steps and turned him over to the negro driver, who by that time had somewhat recovered from his fright. The wagon was wrecked, but neither horse nor driver was much injured.
A LEGISLATIVE JOKE.—Yesterday, as Mr. Frank Moss, the colored member of the House of Delegates from Buckingham, was concluding a long and characteristic speech in opposition to a resolution then pending, Mr. Riddlebarger, of Shenandoah, rose and said: "Will the member give way a moment for me to offer a resolution?" Mr. Moss paused a moment, scratched his head, and replied: Yes; as it is the member from Shenandoah, and he's a good man, I will."
Mr. Riddlebarger said: "Mr. Speaker, I offer the following in all seriousness (assuming a grave countenance), and I desire an immediate vote upon it: "
"Resolved, That Frank Moss be expelled from this House as a nuisance."
The Speaker put the question, and at first only Messrs. Riddlebarger and Banker arose, but before the count commenced seven or eight other delegates arose. The motion was lost, but it produced some merriment, and had the desired effect.
CONSERVATIVE WARD-MEETINGS.—Conservative ward-meetings will be held at 7 o'clock to-night at the following places, for the purpose of electing members of the city committee for the ensuing year:
Marshall Ward: Conservative Club-House.
Jefferson Ward: Odd-Fellows' Hall, Madison Ward: Monticello Hall.
Monroe Ward: Concordia Hall, Broad street between Fourth and Fifth.
Clark Ward: Sauer's saloon.
Jackson Ward: New Hastings Court-room, on Capitol street near Ninth.
Each ward is entitled to elect five members.
THIEVES ROBBED.—Several instances of the robbery of passengers' trunks on the line from Richmond to Charleston have been recently reported. The officers of the Potomac and Annapolis Company, and no clue to the depredator has been obtained. The locks of the trunks, from the account we receive, were picked by some skillful hand. From the investigation so far made, it appears that this pilfering occurred south of Welton, but exactly where is not known.
THE VALLEY RAILROAD EXTENSION.—The Senate Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation yesterday morning agreed by a very large majority to report adversely upon the bill proposing to allow the Valley Railroad Company to extend its line from Front Street to near Brinkley, subsequently this vote was reconsidered and the bill laid on the table.
STATE COUNCIL FRIENDS OF TEMPERANCE.—At a meeting of Old Dominion Council, No. 130, Friends of Temperance, held before last, Monday evening, the committee invited to the State Council to hold its next semi-annual meeting in the city of Richmond, which takes place on the fourth Tuesday in April. Stonewall and Lee Councils were fraternally invited to cooperate with Old Dominion in providing the necessary arrangements for the comfort of the members of the State Council.
CONVICTS RECEIVED.—The following prisoners were received at the penitentiary yesterday: From Norfolk, Abraham Woodhouse, two years, forgery; from Wythe, George Curtis Fusch, twelve years, horse-stealing and a grade of felony; from Brunswick, James Jones, three years, house-breaking; from Frederickburg, Robert Akers, one year, petit larceny—second offence.
REMOVAL OF THE PENITENTIARY.—The bill reported from the Senate Committee on Public Institutions providing for the removal of the penitentiary to some point not less than five miles from the corporate limits, provided that no proposal shall be accepted which involves the State in any expense over and above the proceeds of the sale of the land and buildings now used for and connected with the penitentiary.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.—There was no session of the United States District Court yesterday. Judge Hughes has gone to Norfolk to hold court there. He will return here by the 25th instant, when he will try the case of the Trustees of the Mutual Building Fund and Dollar Savings Bank, vs. John E. Bossiuss.

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PORTRAIT OF GOVERNOR WALKER.—A portrait of ex-Governor Walker, painted by Mr. Fisher, late of Lynchburg, now of Richmond, was exhibited in the rotunda of the Capitol yesterday, and received no little praise.
CHARGED WITH THROWING STONES.—A number of boys taught at the Madison school were arrested yesterday morning on the charge of throwing stones at one of the city cart-drivers. The boys were held until this morning, when Justice White will probably decide the case.
FAIRFIELD GRANGE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.—This organization though young is making itself very popular amongst our suburban residents. At the last meeting there were a number of initiations and a good many petitions for membership.
The Grange meets again at the Mason's Hall, Twenty-fifth street, at 7 o'clock this evening.
FINED FOR CRUELTY TO A MULE.—Yesterday Justice White imposed a fine of \$5 upon John Tinsley (negro), guilty of cruelty to a mule by working him when in a very weak and diseased condition.
The Justice indicated his intention to punish severely every instance of cruelty to animals that might be brought to his notice. In this case he was lenient because of extenuating circumstances.
UNLICENSED DOGS.—Allice Cole, William Mabry, Lucinda Brown, Phyllis Winston, Robert Brown, Edward Hall, William Davis, William Wallace, Sarah Pryor, Jere Williams, and John Tinsley were fined yesterday by the Police-Justice \$2.50 each for keeping unlicensed dogs.
POLICE COURT, WEDNESDAY.—Justice White, L. E. Mayer, guilty of obtaining a small lot of goods under false pretences from Thomas B. Williams, was sent to jail for sixty days. Harriet J. Anderson (negro), guilty of creating a disturbance in the street, was sent to jail for thirty days.

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SALE OF VUE DE L'EAU.—The sale of the Vue de l'Eau Hotel property, to take place on the 22d day of April, is to be by virtue of a deed of trust made by the president and stockholders "for the benefit of all the creditors."

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